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SUBJECT:VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW PROFESSIONAL
BASEBALL LEAGUE FEATURING COMPETITION AMONG TEAMS FROM
U.S. AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

1. SUMMARY: U.S. GROUP IS CONSIDERING COMMENCEMENT OF A
NEW PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE FEATURING COMPETITION AMONG

TEAMS FROM U.S. AND CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRIES. THREE REPRESENTATIVES PLAN VISIT TO PUERTO RICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND VENEZUELA IN FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE TO FOCUS ON POTENTIAL BROADCASTING REVENUES WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT. GROUP WILL CONTACT EMBASSIES CARACAS AND SANTO DOMINGO FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. GROUP, LED BY GEORGE OHRSTROM, A SUBSTANTIAL U.S. INDUSTRIALIST, AND ALEXANDER LANKLER, WASHINGTON ATTORNEY WITH CONTACTS IN MIAMI AND SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN BROADCASTING, IS SERIOUSLY ASSESSING FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY OF NEW SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE IN THE CARIBBEAN AND COMMENCEMENT OF A PRIVATELY FINANCED SPANISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST NETWORK. BACKERS SEE SIGNIFICANT

POTENTIAL FOR STRENGTHENING TIES THROUGHOUT REGION THROUGH COMMON INTEREST IN BASEBALL.

2. PROPOSED LEAGUE WOULD PLAY 140 GAMES BETWEEN APRIL 12 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 70 HOME AND 70 AWAY, ALL AT NIGHT. LEAGUE WOULD CONSIST OF CLUBS REPRESENTING SIX OR EIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING CITIES: MIAMI, TAMPA, SAN ANTONIO, SANTO DOMINGO, SAN JUAN, CARACAS, MARACAIBO, BARRANQUILLA, CARTAGENA, PANAMA CITY. PROMOTION WILL EMPHASIZE INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF THE COMPETITION. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. FEASIBILITY TEAM CONSISTING OF MR. LANKLER, MR. RICHARD JENCKS, FORMER SENIOR EXECUTIVE WITH CBS, A CONSULTANT TO THE GROUP, AND MR. ROBERTO MADURO, COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE OF THE NEW LEAGUE AND PRESENTLY COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN BASEBALL FOR COMMISSIONER BOWIE KUHN, PLAN THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

CARACAS: JENCKS WILL ARRIVE EVENING JUNE 4 AND OTHERS WILL ARRIVE EVENING JUNE 5. MESSRS. JENCKS AND LANKLER WILL CONTACT DCM.

SANTO DOMINGO: TEAM WILL ARRIVE EVENING JUNE 7, DEPARTING EVENING JUNE 8, OR, IF MORE TIME NEEDED, JUNE 9.

4. TEAM WILL CONTACT EMBASSIES UPON ARRIVAL FOR ADVICE. VANCE

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